

House Resolution No. 978

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who contribute an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring that local governments provide much-needed services and programs in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the public; and

Whereas, Kent James attained considerable distinction as the Parks Program Coordinator for the Saint Charles County Department of Parks and Recreation, a leadership role for which he was recognized as a 2007-2008 Exceptional Performer at the Saint Charles County Council meeting on February 11, 2008; and

Whereas, currently serving as the Youth Activity Park Supervisor, Kent James previously developed an exceptional reputation as the Parks Program Coordinator responsible for the planning, operation, and evaluation of a schedule that includes more than 150 programs throughout the year at eight parks in Saint Charles County; and

Whereas, Kent James also has been responsible for recruiting, training, and supervising the Parks Department volunteer program, especially with trail development that has increased the length of park trails to more than thirty-one miles and has added a mountain bike skills area; and

Whereas, in addition to helping increase Department of Parks and Recreation participation to nearly 5,000 persons and raise more than \$20,000 in revenue by perfecting operations, Kent James has proven to be instrumental in introducing such popular new programs as the Full-Moon Night Hikes, Disc Golf Tournaments, and Take A Kid Mountain Biking; and

Whereas, Kent James is a graduate of the inaugural Lyle B. Beaver Leadership Development Institute hosted by the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association and an alumni of Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in parks and recreation and of Lindenwood University with a Master of Business Administration degree:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Kent James for recognition as a 2007-2008 Exceptional Performer by Saint Charles County government and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Kent James of Saint Charles County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Smith
District No. 14

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 978, adopted March 10, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker